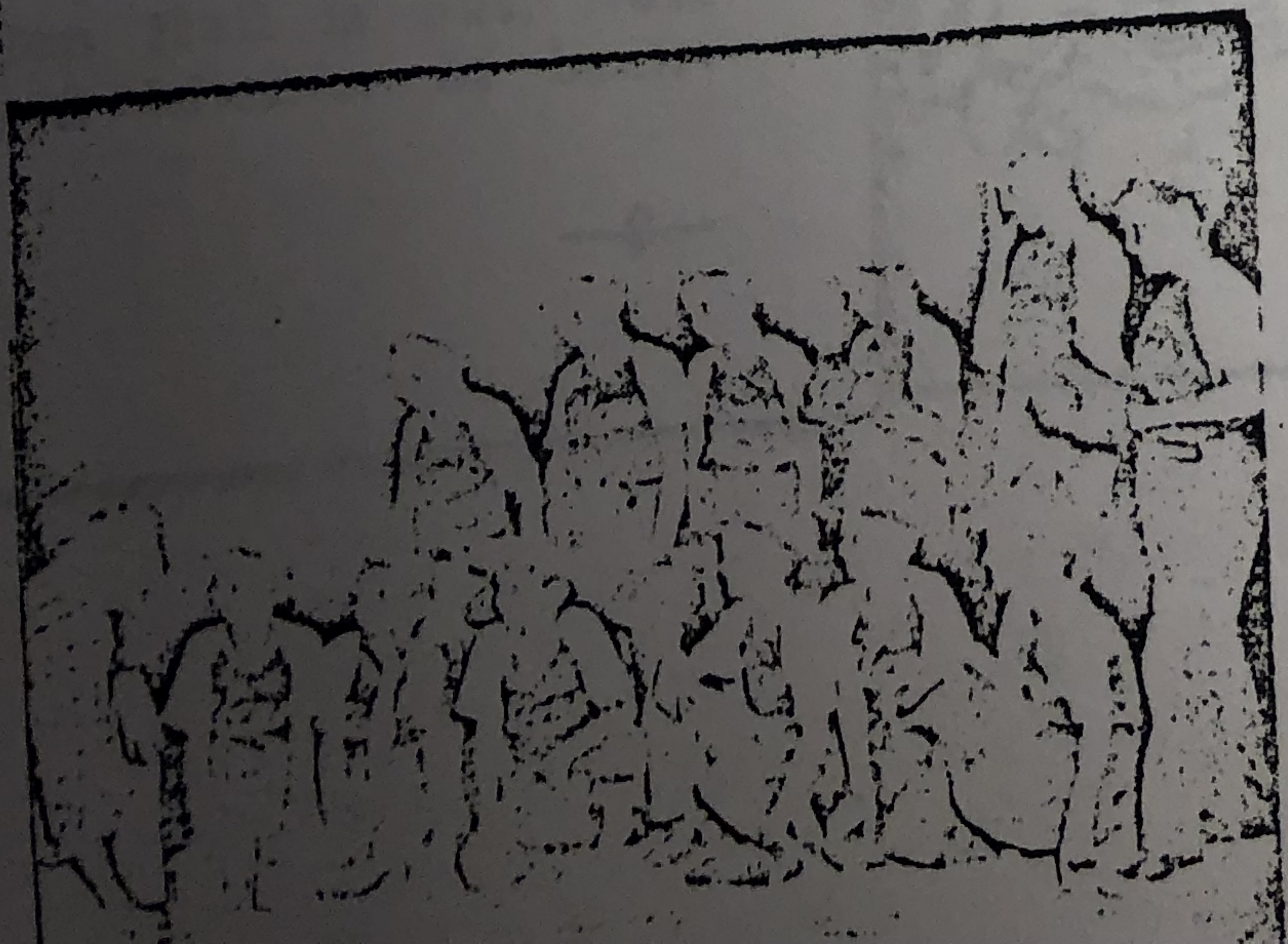


A bit of royalty enhances the story of any new city. Nita Ruth Fletcher and Lark Koch were selected by their classmates to represent the Point Comfort Elementary School in the Port Lavaca May Fete.

day, be the weather what it may." Ox carts rumbled across the prairie, bringing copper and silver from the mines of northern Mexico for shipment to the New Orleans mint. Captain Alec Singer plied the bay waters, carrying mail and produce to the settlers. A small shipyard near Mitchell's point repaired boats. High romance



marked frequent but unsuccessful excursions to the head of Cox's Bay, where the pirate Jean Lafitte was said to have buried treasure. Wagon trains from San Antonio hauled precious salt from the flats near Cox's Bay.

After the destruction of Cox's Point, history records little about the "northern shores of Lavaca Bay." The grandfather of C. S. Mitchell, a resident of the Carancahua bay area, built a house—which later burned—and dug the first artesian well near the present site of the Point Comfort Works. The family in time named the section Point Comfort, because they considered it such a comfort to be near the Gulf breezes.

Point Comfort was a part of Jackson County until 1846, when Calhoun County was formed from parts of Victoria, Jackson, and Matagorda Counties. Records of land transactions on Point Comfort are filled with names that figured prominently in the Texas Revolution and the Civil War.

Largely a cattle range until sold to Alcoa in 1947, it has now joined the ranks of those industrial sites that make the entire Gulf Coast one of the brightest spots in the Nation.

Three years ago, Point Comfort, Texas was a small community of 50 rent houses, constructed by Alcoa to provide living quarters for workers and their families.

Today it is a city of 286 homes, 1256 residents, an elementary school, paved streets, water storage tank, sewage treatment plant, a grocery store, three church buildings, mail delivery, telephone serv-

Little League is one of the main attractions at Point Comfort's flood-lighted Recreation Field this summer. Pat Patterson (Mechanical) is shown with his team.